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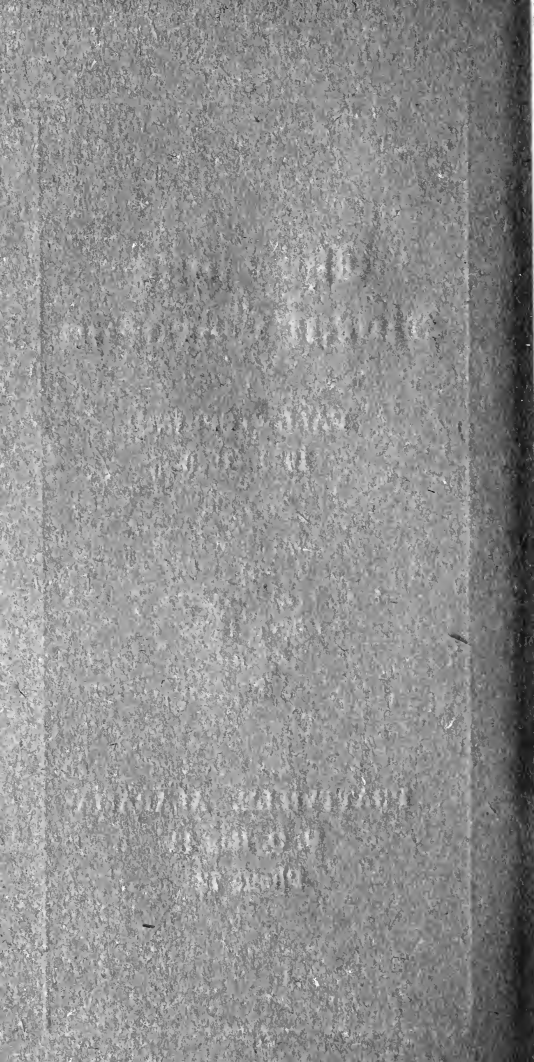
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TO OUR OLD FRIENDS we send greetings and to those whom we hope to make our friends, this is probably the first time you have received our catalogue, and possibly the first time you have ever heard of the Duke Floral Gardens, but we have been right here on the job for several years, amateur growers for twenty-five years. We believe this experience fits us to give satisfactory service. We would appreciate the opportunity of trying anyway. Our motto has been an honest dollar's worth of goods for every dollar sent us. No matter how large or small your order is, it receives the same careful attention. We are here to stay and our best efforts will be to make of you a satisfied customer. If for any reason we cannot fill your order, your money will be returned. We fill orders as given us, and no plants or items will be substituted without your consent.

The roses we offer are strictly field grown and on own roots, and of such varieties as are best suited to this section of South for garden culture. They are full of vitality and free from disease. Our roses are grown from cuttings in open ground without water and without protection of any kind. They are sturdy, vigorous and wilt resistant. We offer only one year roses, but please don't confuse them with those tender hot house plants sent out by florists and nurserymen. These plants are from one to three feet high, well branched with vigorous root system. A trial order will convince you that we send out only high grade stock, the kind that will grow and bloom, making for us satisfied and enthusiastic customers and friends.

CULTIVATION OF ROSES

As to roses we advocate fall and winter planting waiting until the

plants are dormant. The soil for roses cannot be made too rich, by broadcasting stable manure in fall and spading to a depth of six to ten inches. They should be planted in sunny location, giving distance of 3 to 4 feet. Roses should be pruned during latter part of December or during January and then, only to extent of removing dead and exhausted branches. It is safe plan to remove about one-third of present year's growth making your bushes shapely. Some varieties require very little or no pruning at all, while those of straggling habit of growth have to be pruned more severely. After pruning roses give them thorough spraying, using powdered Lime Sulphur, Scalicide, or Sunico Oil. This will control scale.

During spring and summer if troubled with thrips, green lice, or any of those soft bodied sucking insects spray them with Black Leaf 40. Roses are subject to a

fungus causing black spots to appear on foliage, use 2 1-2 oz. of blue stone dissolved in one quart of water, 2 1-2 oz. of lime dissolved in one quart of water, add these mixtures to one and one half gallons of water, strain through cheese cloth, spray every three weeks until trouble disappears. This is safe to use and if applied too heavily would only discolor the foliage a little.

BUSH ROSES

PINK RADIANCE—Radiantly

beautiful, an exquisite blending of two shades of pink.

RED RADIANCE — Same as Pink Radiance, except in color. A cherry red.

PAUL NEYRON—Largest rose grown, color, dark pink, very double and handsome.

PINK KILLARNEY — Bush strong and upright, is entirely free blooming, bearing immense

long pointed buds, single when full blown, Color exquisite shade of pink.

GEN. JACQUEMINOT—An old favorite, bright shining crimson, rich and velvety, blooms freely in spring, occasionally during season.

WHITE AMERICAN BEAUTY —(Frau Karl Druchki) — Large magnificent, snow white flowers, strong, vigorous growers, producing long stiff stems, very hardy.

UNKNOWN RED—The old fashioned rose that grew in our Grandmother's gardens, immense bushes covered at all seasons with small velvety red blossoms.

ETOILE DE FRANCE — Rich glowing crimson, free bloomer, very choice.

PINK MAMAN COCHET—Very hardy rose, flowers large double bright pink.

HIS MAJESTY—The handsomest of all red roses; large intensely crimson blooms, very double.

HUGONIS—Blooms only in the spring, a profusion of lovely single yellow blossoms. Large bush.

ROSE MARY — A very large clear silvery pink, large bushes.

CLIMBING ROSES

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—Vivid scarlet, shaded crimson, makes a brilliant display in the spring—a wonderful new climbing rose.

CLIMBING WOOTON — A vigorous climber, bearing a profusion of dark velvety red blooms constantly.

AMERICAN PILLAR—A climber of extremely vigorous habit of growth producing large trusses of bright pink blossoms.

SILVER MOON—Large white blossoms, several inches in diameter, showing yellow stamens, very beautiful, blooms only in the spring, but foliage remains green and attractive during summer.

LAMARQUE—Sturdy and vigorous climber, profuse bloomer, creamy white.

GARDENIA (H. W.) — Bright yellow, cream color when open; very fragrant and free; early flowering. This is the hardy Marechal Niel; double yellow flowering.

HEART OF GOLD—(New)—Crimson, shading to white. Similar to American Pillar except that petals are a dark velvety red.

Prices of all roses, if delivered, at nursery, \$5.00 per dozen. Less than one dozen strictly 50 cents each. If sent parcel post add 50c per dozen. For one half dozen or less add 25c for packing and postage.

If customer selects and tags the finest and largest plants, price will be 50 cents each.

DECIDIOUS SHRUBBERY

RED SIBERIAN DOGWOOD—Bushy shrub growing 2-3 ft. high.

small creamy white flowers, followed by bluish white berries, stems are attractive in winter, being a reddish color, works well into group planting. Large plants 50c each.

CYDONIA JAPONICA—(Flowering Quince) Thorny shrub, flowers in early spring, before foliage appears, color scarlet, large and showery. 50-75c each.

SPIREA THUNBERGI—Dwarf rounded form, delicate foliage, white flowers produced in profusion. Used by landscape artists for bordering other shrubbery. 35c, 50c, 75c.

SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER—A compact shrub of dwarfish habit. Fine for bordering taller shrubbery. Blooms from June until frost. Color pink. 35c, 50c and 75c.

SPIREA REEVESIANA—Double flowers, 50c.

CRAPE MYRTLE—Deep rose

(watermelon) large stocky plants.
35c, 50c and 75c each.

CRAPE MYRTLE—Watermelon
Extra heavy bushes 3-4 feet, \$1.00.

STAR JASMINE—50c each.

HYDRANGEAS — White, pink,
75c and \$1.00.

SPIREA BILLIARDI — A tall
growing variety, flowers a delicate
pink, commence to bloom in May
and produces a few panicles of
bloom throughout entire summer.
35c, 50c and 75c.

JASINUM NUDIFLORUM —
(Winter Jasmine). A very grace-
ful, hardy, drooping shrub with
dark green bark which gives the
plant the appearance of being ev-
ergreen; leaves dark green; bright
yellow flowers freely produced in
early January and continuing for
some time. One of the first plants
to bloom. 25c and 50c.

SPIREA VANHOUTTEI — A
graceful shrub, growing 6 to 8 feet
in height, produces a profusion of
single white flowers during the

latter part of March. 35c and 50c each.

OLD FASHIONED BRIDAL WREATH — Stems covered with tiny white blossoms in early spring before foliage appears, very effective, 50c and 75c each.

PHILADELPHIUS— (Old fashioned English Dogwood) 3 to 4 feet, 50c each.

PHILADELPHIUS — (Sweet-scented) 24 to 30 inches, 40c and 50c each.

FORSYTHIA — (Golden Bell) Flowers golden yellow, produced in great profusion last of February or early in March. 35c, 50c and 75c.

CALACANTHUS—Sweet Shrub —Native sweet or brown shrub, flowers chocolate colored, very fragrant. 50c and 75c.

LONICERA FRAGRANTISSIMA —(Winter Honeysuckle). Blooms in January, February and March. Blossom creamy white, sweet scented. 25c, 50c and 75c.

NATIVE CORAL HONEYSUCKLE—(Woodbine) 50c and 75c.

ALTHEAS—Single white, red center, 24-36 inches, 50c and 75c. Double Purple 24-36 inches, 75c. Boule de Fen, Double Red 12-24 inches, 25c and 35c. Single white, 35c and 50c.

DEUTZIA-CRENATA— Double pink, 35c and 50c. Single white, 35c and 50c.

OLD FASHIONED LILAC — white and purple, 15-24 inches, 35c, 50c and 75c each.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA — Produces in July immense panicles of pure white flowers which last for weeks, a most valuable shrub. 2 year, 50c.

ROBINIA HISPIDA — (Pink Locust)—Small bushes, producing rose colored flowers in April that hang in clusters like wisteria. 35c and 50c.

WIEGELIA ROSEA — Flesh shading into deeper pink. 35c, 50c and 75c.

WIEGELIA AMABILIS — Deep rose color, large plants, 75c each. Smaller plants, 35c and 50c.

WEIGELA EVA RATHKE — The best of the red varieties, with flowers a bright clear crimson, borne in great profusion; growth more sprawling than the others; not so strong nor so tall. Wonderful as to color. 35c 50c and 75c.

FLOWERING ALMOND — On own root. Small shrubs whose upright branches are literally covered their entire length in earliest spring before the leaves appear. Blooms like small roses. Plant for early bloom. 60c and 75c each.

SNOW-BERRY—A shrub that grows 5 to 6 feet high, its attraction is the large milk white berries that last until midwinter. 25c and 35c.

REDBUD, Judas Tree (*Cercis Canadensis*). A native American tree, covered in the early Spring before the leaves appear with pinkish red flowers. Foliage is

heart shaped and very green. Quite beautiful when planted with White-Flowering Dogwood or as a background for evergreen. 3-6 feet, price 50c.

EVERGREEN SHRUBBERY

EUONYMOUS—Fine for grouping with other shrubbery. 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS—Tall Boxwood — Foliage small, deep green and dense. Bushy plants. 12-30 inches. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

JAPANESE PRIVET — Most popular tall growing evergreen for screens and background. Graceful in growth, and broad green leaves. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

LUCIDUM PRIVET—A beautiful tall shrub with dark waxey green leaves and large heads of white flowers, followed by black berries which remain throughout

the winter. Fine for foundation planting or individual specimens. 15-36 inches. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

ABELIA GRANDIFLORA—Evergreen shrub or hedge plant with dark green glossy leaves, flowers white, funnel shaped, tinged with pink, sweet scented, borne in clusters from early spring until late autumn, nice plants, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

NEPAUL PRIVET — A waxey leaf privet very similar to the *Lucidum*. Smaller foliage, 3-5 feet, Price \$1.50 and \$2.00.

CAPE JASMINE—Extra heavy bushes, 24-36 inches, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

PYRACANTHA COCCINEA LANDI (English Hawthorn) — Desirable thorny evergreen, with clusters of orange colored berries which color up in late summer and hang on a long time. 18-30 inches price 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

NANDINA DOMESTICA—Small plants 6-8 inches, 75 cents.

Larger Plants, some extra heavy, 24-36 inches, price \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

OLEA FRAGRANS — (Sweet Olive.) 6-12 inches \$1.00. 30-36 inches \$3.50.

MAGNOLIA FUSCATA — (Banana Shrub) \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.

PITTOSPORUM TOBIRA — A fine shrub with dark green leaves clustered at the end of the branches. Plant is of compact growth, flowers yellowish white, very fragrant, produced the middle of April and last a long time. A splendid shrub for specimens or massing, and can be trimmed in fanciful shapes. These plants from open ground. Price \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

JAPONICAS (Camellia). We have a fine assortment in extra large heavy plants this season, in white, red, pink and variegated, all double varieties. Ask for list and prices.

PHOTINIA GLABRA—This is a

new introduction of Japanese broad-leaved evergreen, the foliage of which becomes very beautiful with its new growth of burning scarlet, giving a very attractive effect when planted between evergreen conifers. Beautiful for foundation planting or individual specimens. 24-30 inches \$2.00.

ENGLISH LAUREL—These are valuable shrubs. Their principal merits are great vigor, beautiful, broad, shining foliage; of easy cultivation, and thrive in any ordinary, good, well drained garden soil. Not hardy north of Washington, D. C. 12-24 inches, price \$1.50.

PRIMROSE JASMINE—Similar to *Nudiflorum*, much larger blossoms, but not as hardy. Price 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.

CONIFEROUS EVERGREENS

CEDRUS DEODARA—3-4 feet.
Price \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

LAWSON'S CYPRESS — 18-40 inches. \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

COLUMNAR ITALIAN CYPRESS—This well known and popular evergreen is most desirable where formal effect is desired. It is of a compact shaft-like habit of growth and **very** desirable. inches to 5 feet. Prices \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

CHAMAECYPARIS PISIFERA — (Sewara Retinospora)—Foliage bright green, somewhat pendulous. This is a very valuable and hardy form, and is not commonly known. 15-20 inches. \$1.00 and \$1.25.

THUJA OCCIDENTALIS GLOBOSA. — (American Globe Arborvitae). A very dwarf, compact variety of spherical growth. Ultimate height, 4 to 6 feet. Price 12-20 inches \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

THUJA ORIENTALIS—(Oriental Arborvitae.) A beautiful conifer without the golden tint. Variable in form, but the plants we offer are very fine and will prove

most satisfactory. Pyramidal in shape. 4-5 feet. Price \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

THUJA ORIENTALIS AUREA NANA—(*Biota aurea nana*.) — (*Berckman's Golden Arborvitae*.) The most popular Thuja grown. Originated by P. J. Berckmans Company, at Augusta. This conifer is of dwarf, compact and symmetrical habit. A perfect gem for small gardens or cemetery lots. 18-20 inches. Price \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Extra heavy shrubbery shipped by express at customer's expense.

Our terms are cash with order. Those who furnish satisfactory bank references can buy on thirty days time.

PERENNIALS

SHASTA DAISIES—75c per dozen.

PERENNIAL PHLOX — Pure white, lilac, pink and rose pink. 15c per plant.

SWEET WILLIAM — Large clump, 25c.

PHYSASTEGIA — (False Dragon Head.) Hardy lavender blossoms, plants multiply rapidly. Price 35c per dozen.

OLD FASHIONED CLOVE PINKS—25c per clump.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Large Exhibition Varieties

PINK TURNER—(Mrs. Leslie Davis)—Very large incurved, color pinkish lilac.

WHITE TURNER — Same as above, color white.

YELLOW TURNER—Same as above, color creamy yellow.

HARVARD—Large crimson red.

All of the above are priced 15c per plant.

UNKNOWN—Reflexed Japanese Pink, 10c per plant.

UNKNOWN—Reflexed, creamy yellow, 10c per plant.

LILIAN DOTY—Delicate pink pompon, 10c per plant.

BULBS FOR FALL PLANTING

These bulbs do best planted in early fall. A light rich soil is preferable, scrapings from the cow lot or stable should be thoroughly incorporated into the soil. Be sure that the bulb does not come in direct contact with the manure. There should be at least 2 1-2 or 3 inches of soil above the crown of the bulb. These bulbs are all hardy home grown blooming size stock. They multiply rapidly and with proper cultivation will give entire satisfaction. The Easter lilies were originally imported, though we have been propagating them successfully for eighteen years. The other bulbs are the old fashioned bulbs that grew in our grandmother's gardens.

PURPLE ROMAN HYACINTH
—\$1.00 per dozen.

JONQUILS—Deep yellow, 60c
dozen.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE DAF-
FODILS—(Mixed.) Some have
long trumpet, some short, others
double (butter and egg). Price
75c per dozen.

OLD FASHIONED NARCISSUS
— (Polyanthus). White yellow
cup, \$1.00 dozen.

DAFFODILS — (Polyanthus)
Deep yellow, 35c dozen.

MILK AND WINE LILY (Cri-
num) — Closely related to Ama-
ryllis, color, white, pink stripe
down each petal. 25c and 35c.

BUTTERFLY LILY — Foliage
similar to that of a canna; blos-
soms pure white, resembles a but-
terfly poised for flight. 25c per
clump.

RED SPIDER LILY — Foliage
remains green all the winter, 50c.

HEMEROCALLIS—Flava (Lem-
on Lily) — No garden is complete
without these dainty yellow lilies.
10c each or \$1.00 per dozen.

FIELD GROWN EASTER LILY
—Blooms in the open ground in May. Dozen, \$2.25.

These are pure white magnificent bloomers, are large and more vigorous than plants of the Easter Lily grown in hot houses. Should be planted six inches deep and eighteen inches apart.

BULBS FOR SPRING PLANTING

GLADIOLI

AMERICA—Delicate pink, 75c dozen.

PEACE—White delicate lavender markings at throat, 75c dozen.

WILBRINK—Lovely pink, 75c dozen.

MIXED VARIETIES — Red, white and pink, 5c each.

Can be planted from February until May.

CANNAS

KING HUMBERT—Tall variety rich bronze, foliage, flowers large coppery red.

VENUS—Bright pink edged cream, coloring exquisite.

MRS. A. CONARD—Immense trusses, salmon pink.

UNNAMED—Scarlet crimson.

All of the above are priced 25c per clump, from 2 to 3 eyes per clump. Plant early in spring.

DAHLIAS

Assorted colors in red, pink, purple and yellow—25c each.

Ready for the market April 1st.

ANTIGONON EEPTOPUS (MEX- ICAN ROSE)

A beautiful climbing plant with tuberous roots, blooms freely from June until fall. Beautiful, rosy pink flowers produced in large racemes. In this section tops die down in winter. It is therefore, advisable to protect roots with a mulching of leaves. 50c per plant.

SALMON PINK AMARYLLIS--
Blooming Bulbs, 25c.

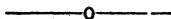
We have at all times seasonable green house plants such as ferns, geraniums, begonias, also plants suitable for porch boxes and hanging baskets.

We guarantee all stock sent out to be well rooted, well grown and properly packed. We are not responsible for failures arising from defective planting, unfavorable weather conditions or improper treatment and cultivation. Successful gardening requires knowledge, enthusiasm and perseverance, and those we cannot supply.

We exercise every possible care to keep plants clean and true to name, but we give no warranty, express or implied, on same.

Nurseries are located within corporate limits of Prattville and visitors are cordially welcomed at all times. We do no Sunday business except sale of cut flowers for funerals.

READ THESE TESTIMONIALS:



McQueen Smith Farming Company
Prattville, Alabama

August 31, 1922.

Dear Mr. Duke:

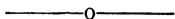
Next November will be three years since the writer bought his first rose plants from you at which time I got Paul Neyrons and a few White American Beauties. For your information will say that every one of those bushes lived and have given splendid results blooming the first spring after they were set out.

It gives me great pleasure to state that your roses are the best I have tried to grow and I have no hesitancy in recommending them to those who want hardy, vigorous and abundant blooming varieties.

Those, however, who have seen your own flower garden need no testimonial, for it is beautiful, especially so when your fine roses are blooming during the spring months.

McQueen Smith Farming Co.,

By C. G. Smith, Sec'y-Treas.



Continental Gin Company

Prattville, Alabama

September 4, 1922.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. E. W. Duke of this place is in my opinion a very successful raiser of roses and other flowers. I have gotten a number of plants from Mr. Duke, all of which were entirely satisfactory. His stock of roses is in my opinion the strongest and most vigorous I have ever seen.

He is also very successful with all other plants which he attempts to grow. He makes a specialty of roses, japonicas and lilies. I have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Duke as being entirely reliable and his plants as being strictly first class.

Yours truly,
Daniel Pratt.

Continental Gin Company
Prattville, Alabama

September 22nd, 1922.

Mr. E. W. Duke,
Prattville, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to advise you that the Japonicas which I purchased from you in the spring of 1921 and 1922 have grown well and are full of buds.

The field grown roses have proven more than satisfactory.

J. B. Bell.

Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association

Montgomery, Alabama

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. E. W. Duke, of Prattville for about twenty years and have always found him reliable in his dealings.

Mr. Duke is in the nursery business at Prattville and it has been my pleasure to buy rose plants and other flowers from him and they have always come up exactly as reported by Mr. Duke, both as to color and to name. The roses have all been vigorous growers and healthy.

Any one wishing to buy plants, especially roses and japonicas, will do well to investigate Mr. Duke's plant before buying, as from my experience with his plants I do not hesitate to say that

they will compare favorably with any nursery I know of.

Very truly yours,

Allen Northington,

General Manager.

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Meridian, Miss., June 9, 1923.

The Duke Floral Gardens,
Prattville, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Duke:

I am sure you will be glad to hear how well pleased I am with the roses purchased from you. They are the same kind of fine healthy bushes as those whose vigorous appearance impressed me when I visited your gardens.

The young japonicas have grown right along since I bought them six months ago; evidently you gave them the right start.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. L. G.) Berney Gresham,

STATE OF ALABAMA

Banking Department

Montgomery, Sept. 10, 1927.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. E. W. Duke, the proprietor of Duke's Floral Gardens, for many years and I consider him an expert on roses and many other varieties of flowers.

Mrs. Thomas has bought from him several dozen roses and they have come true to name and color, and we are delighted with the results that we have obtained from all purchases made from the Duke Floral Gardens.

Mr. Duke possesses a quality different from some proprietors and salesmen—he always represents his stock as it is. He is reliable in every respect and I believe any one wishing to buy roses

or ornamental shrubbery of any kind for yards or parks would be wise to inspect what he has to offer before placing an order.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Thomas,
Superintendent of Banks.

